

**REMARKS**

The Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 9 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 through 9 stand rejected.

**Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 6,238,893**

Claims 1 through 9 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,238,891. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached is the Terminal Disclaimer and accompanying fee.

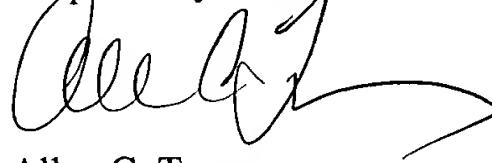
**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1 through 9 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain

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which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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